

Wakefield Locks Up Cage Title

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Wakefield is the odds-on favorite to be Northern Virginia's seeded team in the state tournament today after locking up the regular - season title.

The Warriors broke loose in the second half to spank Lee 67-32 last night at Wakefield, capturing the regular - season title and the all - important top seeding in the District play - offs.

Having wound up their season early, the Warriors can relax until the local tourney opens a week from today, when they will face the bottom - seeded team.

COACH ROBBIE Robinson said he was glad to have the issue settled days in advance, since it took the pressure off his players, giving them a much - needed rest. He plans a scrimmage with an outside team Monday, if it can be arranged, to keep his lads from getting ring-rusty.

Wakefield ended its regular season 16-2, having split two games with Washington-Lee and losing at Fairfax during the course of a hectic campaign. A sweep of the District Tournament — which will send its two top teams to the state play-offs regardless of the regular-season title — is important in Wakefield's bid for a high seeding down-state.

The Warriors appeared in no rush to wrap the title up last night when the game was out-manned Lancers stopped within 34-28 after one half.

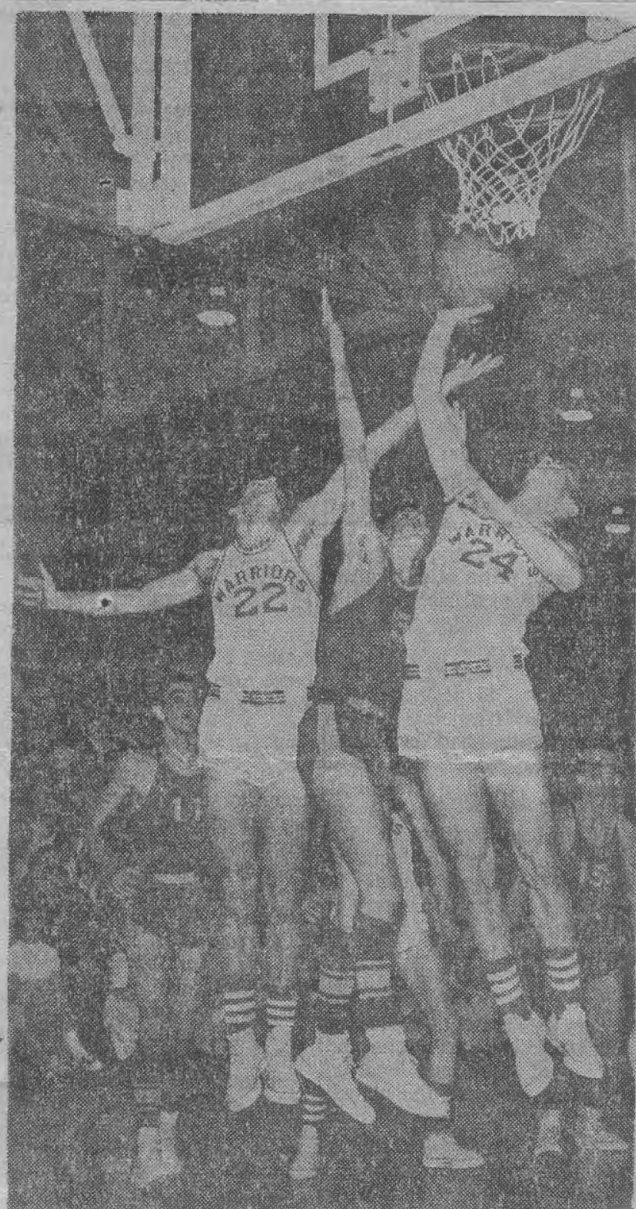
BUT THE Warriors broke it wide open after intermission, scoring almost at will to boost it to the final 35 - point spread. Wakefield's defense, which started pressing seriously in the second quarter, completely throttled the Lancers in the last half. Lee was limited to nine points after intermission.

Bruce Terwilliger served notice that he is "tournament trim" by dumping in a game-high 19 points, 16 in the first half before Robbie put his regulars on the bench.

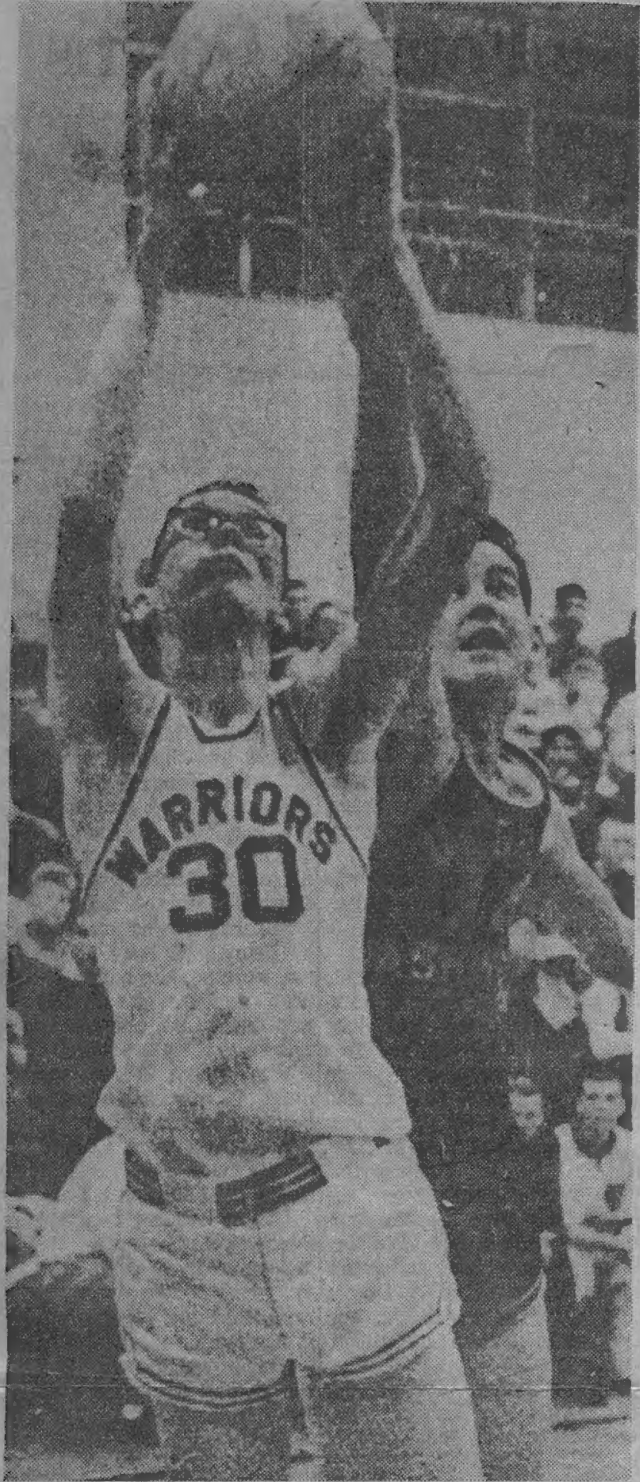
Irv Deterle was again Lee's top performer, hitting from all points to pace the Lancers with 14. The only other twin-figure man was Wakefield's Gerry Spadetti with 11.

THE WARRIORS shot a brisk 48 per cent from the floor, but this figure was padded by Terwilliger's hot hand. Bruce personally shot 67 per cent.

Wakefield's jayvees had no trouble with the Little Lancers in the preliminary, winning 50-37. Roy Ferguson and Ronnie Peters paced the Little Warriors with 11 each.

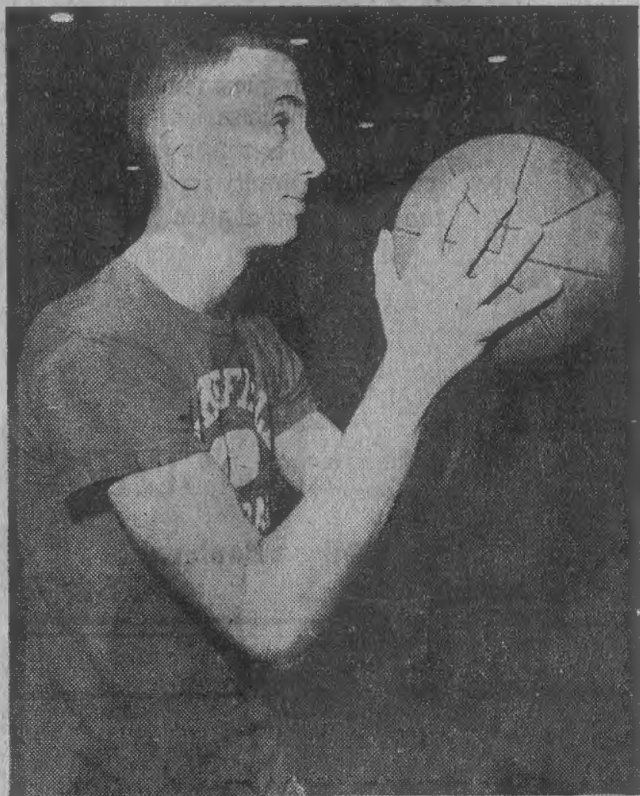


OUTMANNED —Lee's Wayne St. Clair (dark uniform) gets doubled up between Jerry Spadetti (24) and Buddy Spedden (22). St. Clair's defense was to no avail on the play as Spadetti scored the basket. (SUN Photo — Milnes).



UPSY-DAISY — Wakefield's bespectacled Gerry Francis goes up to take a rebound away from GW's Bobby Nuckols in last night's game at Wakefield. The Warriors won, 47-41 (SUN Photo —Ed Huffman).

Star Of The Week

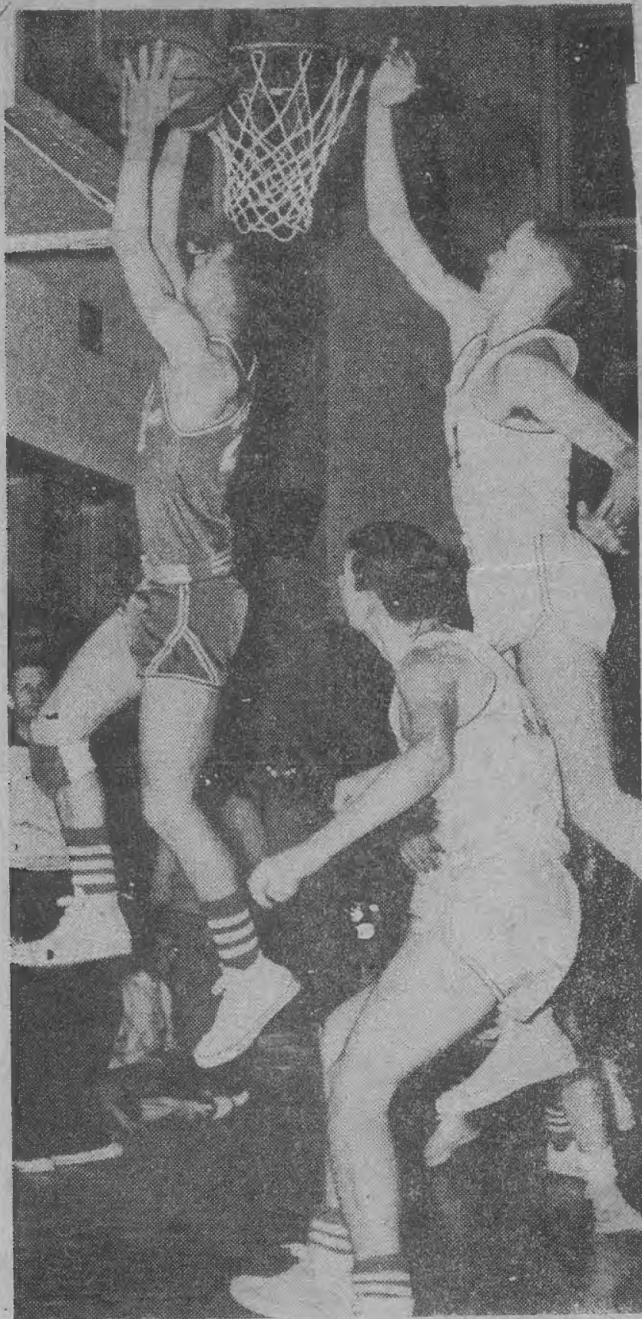


JERRY SPADETTI of Wakefield is The SUN's latest choice for Star-of-the-Week honors.

It was not so much what Jerry did as when he did it; in the clutch. With the undefeated Warriors trailing McLean High with seconds left, Jerry sank a pair of foul shots to bring Wakefield within striking distance.

Then, with four seconds left, he sank a goal from 10 feet out to give his team a one-point victory in one of the season's greatest thrillers to date.

Wakefield Knocks Off Falls Church Easily



UP AND IN — Wakefield's Jerry Spadetti goes in for two. Falls Church defenders are Drew Landrus (high) and Norman Frank. (Photo By Jim Wallace).

Hot Shooting Gives Braves Easy Victory

By CLAY KEMP

Wakefield's fast improving Warriors shook off a slow first quarter with a 24 point splurge in the second period and coasted to a 58-34 victory at Falls Church last night.

Bruce Terwilliger, hitting on 66 percent of his shots, led the Warriors in that second period as he collected 10 of his 22 points. Terwilliger hit on 10 of 15 attempts.

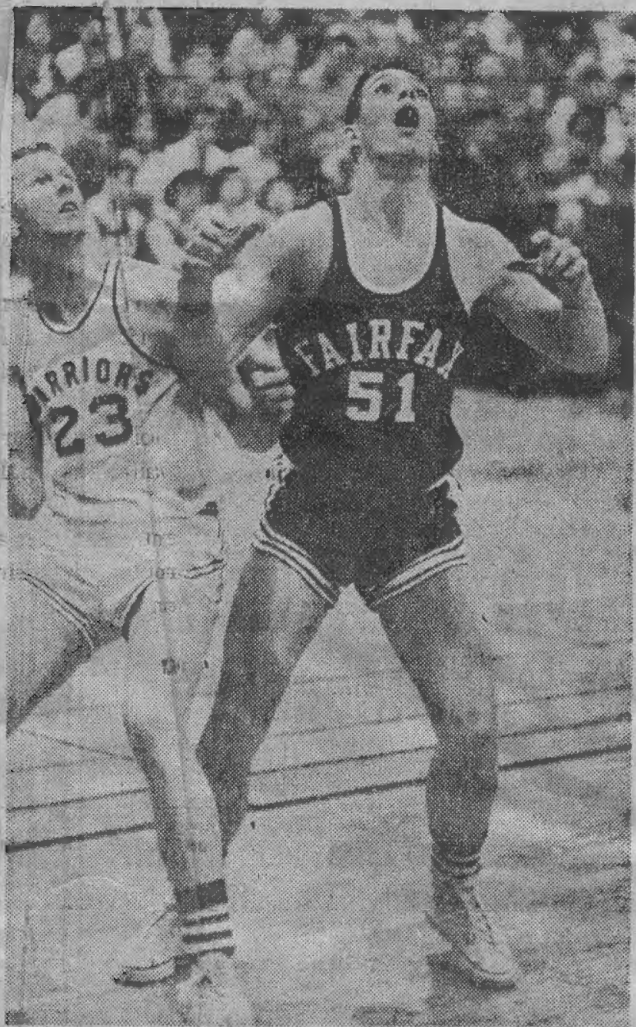
It appeared, after one period of play, as if the Warriors were in for another close contest. They were having a lot of trouble setting up their numerous offensive patterns on the small Jaguar court.

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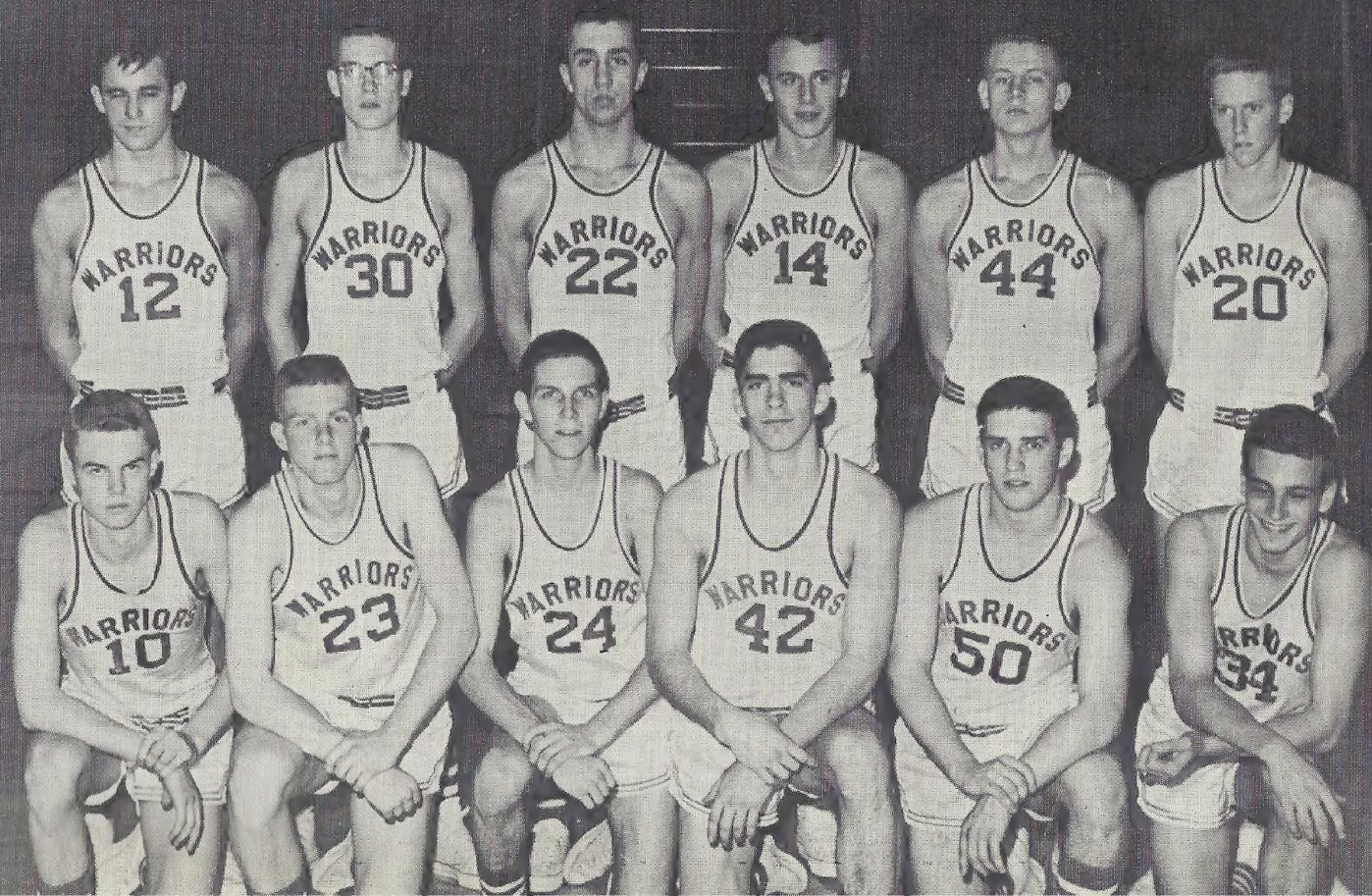
ROBBIE Robinson, the Warrior bench boss, soon found the answer to this problem and, after a few adjustments, it was evident that the Wakefield bench was going to be emptied. Even this did not stop the Warrior onslaught.

Wakefield employed its highly touted full court press from the opening buzzer and this had a telling effect on the thin Jaguar bench. On the other hand, one of Robbie's second platoon, Bob Arnold hit for 10 points, to give the winners two double figure men.

With all reserves seeing action the Warriors hit on 25 of 45 for 55 percent. The Jaguars went 14 for 37 for 38 percent. Spencer Buckner led the Falls Church attack with 16 points. Buckner was hampered with four fouls early in the first half and saw only limited action in the last two periods.



WHERE IS IT? — Asks Fairfax's Tom Gage as he looks for a rebound in last night's game against Wakefield. Wakefield's Bill O'Connor (23) looks on at the left. (SUN Photo — Bill Little).





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Steve Allen of Wakefield outstretches T. J. Pecorak (35) of Woodson for a rebound in last night's Group 1-A Northern Region semifinal game at Washington-Lee. Mark Edwards (5) and Celly Gaskins watch the action. Wakefield won 84-75. (Story on Page A-20.)

